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**From:** Gonzalez, RafaelP [Gonzalez.RafaelP@epa.gov]  
**Sent:** 3/23/2017 5:29:08 PM  
**To:** Ramanauskas, Peter [ramanauskas.peter@epa.gov]  
**Subject:** FW: EPA enforcement case against MKC

Peter, check it out, not certain if she is referring to EPA, state, IG, etc. ??? Have you heard anything or know of what Maria may be speaking about?

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**From:** Maria Powell (MEJO) [mailto:mariapowell@mejo.us]  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 23, 2017 10:59 AM  
**To:** Gonzalez, RafaelP <Gonzalez.RafaelP@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** EPA enforcement case against MKC

Rafael:

I learned recently that there is an open enforcement case against Madison Kipp. Can you tell me what the enforcement action is? When was it implemented?  
 Any information you can share about the enforcement case would be greatly appreciated.

As I wrote below, the community is completely in the dark about what is going on with the PCBs on the Kipp site. Meanwhile, more PCBs continue to be found in the city-owned raingarden that receives stormwater runoff from the entire Kipp site--and the adjacent public bike path.

<http://mejo.us/what-a-surprise-more-pcbs-found-in-city-owned-kipp-raingarden/>. I believe they have found more PCBs since then.

Thanks in advance for any information you can provide about the active enforcement case against Kipp.

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**Subject:** Fwd: Re: question  
**Date:** Wed, 4 Jan 2017 12:17:46 -0600  
**From:** Maria Powell (MEJO) <[mariapowell@mejo.us](mailto:mariapowell@mejo.us)>  
**To:** Zolnierczyk, Kenneth <[zolnierczyk.kenneth@epa.gov](mailto:zolnierczyk.kenneth@epa.gov)>, Gonzalez, RafaelP <[gonzalez.rafaelp@epa.gov](mailto:gonzalez.rafaelp@epa.gov)>

Hi Ken and Rafael:

Happy New Year. I hope you are well.

Ken, since you haven't responded to my emails in recent months, I am assuming you are very busy or for some reason cannot address my questions.

In the meantime, the community around Kipp is entirely in the dark about what has been going on regarding the PCBs under Kipp. The BRRTS link for this issue has no information on it.

<http://dnr.wi.gov/botw/GetActivityDetail.do?adn=0213578014&siteId=564900&crumb=1&search=b>. Another

BRRTS link has some sparse information on it about this, but there's nothing recent.

How can we find out more about what has been happening regarding the PCB remediations if they don't post anything on the BRRTS site? Do we need to do an open records request to EPA and DNR?

Thanks,  
Maria

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**Subject:**Re: question

**Date:**Wed, 17 Aug 2016 10:51:54 -0500

**From:**Maria Powell (MEJO) <mariapowell@mejo.us>

**To:**Zolnierczyk, Kenneth <zolnierczyk.kenneth@epa.gov>

Hi Ken:

I hope you are having a good summer. Did you ever find anyone at EPA to look over the information I sent? See below.

Thanks,  
Maria

On 5/13/2016 2:29 PM, Maria Powell (MEJO) wrote:

Thanks Ken.

Here's the 2015 Annual Report (it's huge):

<http://dnr.wi.gov/botw/DownloadBlobFile.do?docSeqNo=47872>. See Well 13 data on pgs. 58-62 (of the pdf). Maps of the vapor probe and well locations are on pgs 95-96. GWE-1 is the groundwater extraction system (GETS).

The numbers I pulled out below are only from the October 2015 sampling (the last sampling done in 2015). They may have done more recent sampling, but it won't be shared with the public (probably) till they publish the 2016 Annual Report next year.

The data for VP-6, the vapor probe closest (but still too far to be meaningful) from the Goodman Center, just north of MW 13, is on pgs 725-726. The most recent data is July 2015 (ditto to above). You see that the levels were very high in 2013, then went down quite a bit, and then started creeping up again. No data is available from this probe from Jan 2015 because the vapor probe was destroyed by machinery--it is where they have been digging out high levels of PCBs--in the ditch between Kipp and the bike path. Also, some years the probe has been under water because the water table is so shallow there.

The July 2015 levels at VP6 are still below the industrial RCLs, but given that is right next to a community center and bike path, it seems to me they should be using the residential RCLs. Also, some have expressed questions about whether these measurements qualify as "deep soil gas" or not. Also, the testing is way too infrequent to assess the range of levels there, based on what I've read.

Also, if they were serious about assessing vapor intrusion on the northern part of the site, they

would be getting data from less than 44 feet deep at MW13.

Any further questions, or if anything I said doesn't make sense, just let me know.

Thanks,  
Maria

On 5/11/2016 2:07 PM, Zolnierczyk, Kenneth wrote:

Hi Maria,

Thank you for the information. Could you please forward a copy of the report to me or provide me with the link. I'll get someone to look over the information and get back to you.

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**From:** Maria Powell (MEJO) [<mailto:mariapowell@mejo.us>]  
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**Subject:** question

Hi Ken:

The latest report released for Kipp (the 2015 annual report) shows up to 12,000 ppb PCE at one depth (120-125 feet) at Monitoring Well 13, on the northern part of the Kipp site, in the last round of testing (October 2015). The total VOC levels (PCE + TCE + DCE + VC etc) are over 32,000 ppb at that well, from 44 to 167 feet.

These are the highest VOC numbers I have ever seen at Kipp, at any groundwater well. I am speculating (as a total non-expert) that perhaps the levels in this well are increasing due to the GETs system not far from MW 13 pulling groundwater around--perhaps pulling out pockets of VOCs that were stored in bedrock into fractures (they call this "rebound," right?). I think they have identified a fracture

at around 120 feet (?).

In any case, this relates to my previous article (<http://mejo.us/forgotten-kipp-history-bubbles-to-the-surface-next-to-goodman-community-center-2/>) raising questions about the implications of the northern hotspot as far as potential vapor intrusion at the Goodman Community Center. The vapor levels at the nearest vapor probe, VP6 (along the bike path just south of the splash pad) were really high in summer 2013, then went down a lot, and in the last couple tests seemed to be going up again.

**I know you are not a vapor intrusion expert--but could you suggest someone at Region 5 who knows about vapor intrusion and that would be willing to talk to me about this?**

I am not posting Kipp articles on the website anymore, since nobody reads them.

Thanks,  
Maria